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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST GEHORGHE
BURLOI

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1. DESPITE EARLY DEPARTURE, DR. BURLOI HAD CONCENTRATED
AND EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE AND
FORESTRY WHICH MET HIS OBJECTIVES FOR VISIT.

2. IN WASHINGTON, BURLOI HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS AT OFFICE
OF EDUCATION AND USDA, AND SPENT ONE DAY TOURING
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER AT BELTSVILLE. AFTER LEAVING
CAPITAL, BURLOI VISITED AGRICULTURAL CAMPUSES AT IOWA
STATE, NEBRASKA, KANSAS STATE, AND COLORADO STATE UNI-
VERSITY AT FT. COLLINS. IN ADDITION, BURLOI WAS WARMLY
RECEIVED IN SEVERAL AMERICAN HOMES AND HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN STUDENTS.

3. SAN FRANCISCO PROVIDED A GOOD CHANGE OF PACE WITH
SIGHT-SEEING AND MORE HOME HOSPITALITY. THERE WERE SIDE
TRIPS TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS AND INSTITUTE
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OF FOREST GENETICS AT PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA. THIS WAS

FOLLOWED BY MORE EXPOSURE TO FORESTRY AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY IN CORVALLIS WHERE BURLOI RECEIVED WORD ABOUT THE NEED FOR HIS EARLY DEPARTURE.

4. AS A RESULT, VISIT TO WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND SIGHT-SEEING AT GRAND CANYON; ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AND NIAGARA FALLS HAD TO BE DELETED.

5. FINAL STOP IN NEW YORK WAS SPENT SIGHT-SEEING AND SHOPPING. IN SUM, EARLY DEPARTURE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM, BUT DID PREVENT BURLOI FROM SEEING AREAS OUTSIDE HIS PRIMARY INTERESTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

6. COMMENT: DR. BURLOI HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON APPARENTLY DID LITTLE TO CLARIFY HIS MISCONCEPTIONS AS HE TRIED TO COMPARE OUR SYSTEM TO THAT OF ROMANIA. FOR FUTURE EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, EMBASSY MAY WANT TO BRIEF GRANTEES, IN GENERAL TERMS, ON U.S. SYSTEM AS SEEN FROM EYES OF EMBOFFS WHO ARE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE ROMANIAN MODEL. INGERSOLL

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